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## TRANSCONTINENTAL AUTO ROUTE RUNS THROUGH ALAMOGORDO

### Logging Party Recently Finished Trip Roswell to El Paso

#### Party Much Pleased, Gives Honorable Mention to Otero County Roads

Roswell will be placed on the Trans-Continental Touring Club route.

C. M. Farnsworth, proprietor of the Roswell Automobile Company; N. O. Shanks, city editor of the Roswell Morning News, and Charles Sharp, chauffeur, and who two years ago drove in the Glidden tour, returned yesterday afternoon from El Paso. They left here on Friday the 22nd, logging the road, and through courtesy of the El Paso automobilists, who showed such great enthusiasm for the route, logged the distance back again.

While in El Paso Mr. Farnsworth talked with H. C. Drum, at Albuquerque, assuring him that the road was entirely practical, and that for scenic and historic effects that would interest the tourists, the route could now be classed as second to none other in the United States. So sure is Mr. Farnsworth and the party that the route can be delivered, representing the Commercial Club, that they advised Mr. Drum that there was any probability that the route would not be placed in the Trans-Continental Tour Club Book, also the A. A. A. Blue Book, that to convince them of the route, the Roswell Commercial Club would pay a man's expenses from Chicago down over the route to make sure.

The log will route the tourists out of Roswell at noon, arriving at Pecos for the night; leaving the next morning for a day's run into Alamogordo; the next day running into El Paso.

Although the loggers went over the route in the dead of the winter season, practically all of the trip was made with light overcoats. Very little of the time was it necessary to have the coats buttoned, so mild was the

weather.

The roads are in fair shape and a small expenditure would make them good. Coming out of El Paso the running time into Tularosa, a distance of 125.2 miles, the trip was made in six and a half hours running time. Very little slow road was encountered. From Tularosa to Alamogordo, Otero county has just completed one of the best pikes in the world. Through the Indian Reservation, the Indian labor under the direction of the agent, James A. Carroll, the roads could not be better. A maximum speed could be maintained it it was not for the sharp bend, which adds so much to the beauty of this thirty miles.

No more can be said for the condition of the roads than that the big private "Ohio" car of Mr. Farnsworth went through to El Paso without a minute's loss of time for breakage or tire repairs.

The route means much to Roswell and the intermediate sections. It will ultimately mean that from 200 to 500 touring cars will pass through this section of the great undeveloped Sunshine State. Tourists who are alive to opportunities, and seeing them will be financially able to grasp them and bring wealth and a very desirable class of citizens into this great section.

It will mean better roads all along the route.

It will mean a better communication and a closer relation between Roswell and Alamogordo and El Paso.

For the tourists going over the route it means a diversity of scenes and educational historical sights of the western life that is impossible to gather elsewhere. —Roswell Register Tribune.

### TO PHYLLIS

(As he dictated it)  
Phyllis, up in the morning,  
Spirit of love and spring;  
Phyllis, lithe as the willow,  
Voice like the birds that sing;  
Phyllis, full of the sunshine,  
Sparkling like drops of dew;  
Phyllis, Phyllis, Oh Phyllis!  
This is a song to you.

Phyllis, why do you linger?  
Why do your feet remain?  
Phyllis, we wait your coming  
Over the bloom-decked plain.  
Phyllis—a brimming beaker,  
Now to your health we quaff,  
Setting our hearts all leaping,  
Lighter than wind-blown chaff.

### DO FILL US

(As his stenographer took it)  
Fill us up in the morning,  
Spirits of loving spring!  
Fill us tight as a pillow—  
Boys like the birds that sing.  
Fill us full of moonshine,  
Sparkling like dropsy due—  
Fill us, fill us, Oh, fill us!  
This is too strong for you.

Fill us! Why do you linger?  
Why are your feet in pain?  
Fill us! We wait your cunning.  
Over the Gloom-necked plain  
Fill us a brimming beaker,  
Now to your healthy graft,  
Sending our hearts leaping  
Light as a ring-boned snuff.  
—Judge's Library.

### FAMOUS ORATOR IS COMING

#### Homer T. Wilson is Billed for January Ninth

Tuesday, January the ninth, is the date of the next Lyceum entertainment, which will be given as usual at the Christian church. Dr. Homer T. Wilson, lecturer, will make the fourth of the series of entertainments put on under the direction of Lacy Simms, county superintendent of schools.

Dr. Wilson is one of the best known lecturers in America. He is far more than the ordinary lecturer—he is a platform orator with a genuine gift of eloquence. No one can afford to miss this lecture, and those who appreciate the beauty and charm of eloquence will not miss it.

Other speakers, men prominent in public life and the best newspapers have been high in their praise of his gifts and his work. The following is from the San Antonio Express: "It was Dr. Wilson's first appearance here, and he thoroughly captured his audience. He has all the gifts of the irresistible orator, presence, voice, sympathy, noble ideas, a rich, varied vocabulary, and all shot through and glorified with the fire of contagious feeling. He is a master of his art and we are glad to know him."

#### A Snow Song

By Uncle Kline

(Plenty of Snow is Nature's Crop Insurance)

It isn't snowing snow to me:  
Its snowing milo maize,  
To ripen in the golden sun  
Of next September days.

Its snowing Kafir corn and beans  
And pumpkin pies, galore  
And watermelon, squash and things.

To trade out in the store!  
I chortle as I watch the snow  
And laugh with joyous whoops;

For in the falling flakes I see  
1,000,000 cantelopes!

And so I hail the fleecy flood,  
And hope it may not stop  
It is not snowing snow to me:  
Its snowing next year's crop!  
—Obar Progress.

#### K. P. Installation

The local lodge of Knights of Pythias conducted the installation of officers on Monday night. There will be a big gathering of the clan next Monday night, banquet and speech making. The members are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the celebration.

### COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

#### Routine Business Transacted Friday and Saturday

The board of county commissioners held a meeting, commencing at 4:30 p. m., Friday. J. R. Gilbert, chairman, J. J. Sanders and T. A. Haxby, commissioners, and John M. Bowman, clerk, by Chas. E. Thomas, deputy, were in attendance. The following reports of justices of the peace were approved, for the quarter ending December 31: W. L. Garrison, precinct No. 4, Chas. E. Beasley, precinct No. 6. Annual report of road overseers were approved as follows: Jed R. Yale, district No. 1, Sesario Duran, district No. 2, L. L. Goss, district No. 3.

The board received and approved Engineer L. N. Jones' report and estimate covering the work completed by Contractor V. D. Dodgen on the Box canon road. The amount authorized to be paid under this estimate was three hundred fifteen dollars, forty-four cents. Board adjourned after examining and approving a large number of bills.

The board met again Saturday, with the same attendance. W. K. Stalcup's report as justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, was approved. A warrant for three hundred seven dollars, fifty-six cents, was authorized in favor of V. D. Dodgen, contractor on the Box canon road, as an advance payment on the work.

The regular meeting of January 1 was not held account no quorum present. Adjourned to meet Monday January 8.

#### Change in Alamo's Biggest Grocery Business

On January first, James W. Bennett bought a full partnership in the grocery firm of L. R. Hughes, which is the biggest grocery business in Alamogordo. Mr. Bennett becomes actively identified with the business, and Mr. Hughes remains an active member of the firm.

Mr. Bennett is one of the pioneers of Otero county. He conducted a mercantile business at Weed for a number of years, and is one of the best known citizens of the county. The business ought to continue to move forward under this new arrangement, with two active, energetic men in control.

The leap year dance will begin promptly at eight o'clock. Paste this in your lid, then remember it, else you may be sorry.

## PRINCES AND FAIRIES ASSEMBLE IN "THE LAND OF DOLLS"

### Forty-odd Young Boys and Girls Achieve Splendid Success

#### Big Audience, Attentive and Appreciative, is Greatly Pleased

"The Land of Dolls," as played by forty-odd boys and girls of Alamogordo, under the training and direction of Miss Maude Bush Davis, was as thoroughly charming a juvenile operatta as as one would care to see. If the production had been by professionals, it could hardly have been better done; and certainly it would not have held half so much interest for an Alamogordo audience, every member of which was related either by the relation of blood or friendship to some member of the cast.

The Majestic was comfortably filled, but on account of the cold weather, there was not the capacity house which the play would have attracted under more favorable weather conditions. The audience assembled early and waiting for the curtain to rise, was delighted with the several selections so well rendered by the orchestra. The audience itself said so, through its applause. The orchestra was composed of Joe Galindo, violin, Louis Hill, flute, Miss Pauline Bemis, piano.

Lucile O'Reilly and Mattie Blakely, as the two disobedient girls, had perhaps the most difficult roles, and acquitted themselves creditably. The curtain rose with these two girls in a dialogue bemoaning their unhappy fate. Appears Beatrice Lawson, the fairy queen who, with a mystic wave of her magic wand, translates the unhappy girls to the land of dolls, where the musical part of the play commenced.

Clyde Beecher, natural comedian, was in his element as "Limpy," king of the land of dolls, and got away several times with the glad hand. Edith

Tweed, the queen, with her languid grace and stateliness, was quite up to the part. Gladys Prather as "Babette" the queen's maid, made a hit with her quaint curtsies and the unfailing response of "Yes, Your Majesty." Oren Frasier, "Fat Sing," the royal cook, wore a dandy costume and was right on to his job. Deserving of mention were Pearl Frasier as "Tellella" the talking doll; Gilbert Gordon as "Hoop La" the court jester; Tom Prather as "Captain Stiff-un" commander of the doll army; Ward Rolland as "Uncle Rastus"; Charlie Blakely as "Judge Scarem" the jack in the box; Irwin Menger as a Chinaman.

Sadie Scipio's reading, "Little Boy Blue" was rendered with feeling indicating a thorough understanding of the sentiment, and was heartily applauded. Ernest Warren's solo, "Little Tin Soldier" was very effective, with its time beats of the musket and the movement through the manual of arms. Little Clarite McQuillen, looking like nothing other than a dimpled fairy of the midget tribe, fairly took the house by storm with her song "Teddie Bear." She gracefully bowed her acknowledgement of the compliment and responded to the encore.

The complete program of this production was printed in last week's issue of THE NEWS. Miss Davis, who trained and directed the boys and girls, and staged the production, is to be complimented and congratulated upon the unqualified success of the venture. Many who were pleased with the play understood and appreciated the patient work that made it possible.

#### Local Dam Of The Beavers Elects Officers

The local dam of the Independent Order of Beavers held an election of officers Wednesday night. The following were the officers elected: President, R. F. Pollock; vice-president, Jas. J. Hill; secretary, Frank Polak; treasurer, C. R. Fox; past presidents, E. F. Hancock, Wm. Holmes; chaplain John Sherry; guardian, O. H. Evans; sentinel, Frank Bufkin; guide, Howard Beecher; trustees, G. J. Wolfinger, Thos. O'Reilly, W. E. Warren.

#### House Party at Cloudercroft This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Cooley and party of El Paso passed through Alamogordo Wednesday afternoon enroute to Cloudercroft. The Cloudercroft train which was due to leave at eight o'clock Wednesday morning was held to await the arrival of No. 4, for the accommodation of this party. A special train will be run Saturday morning to bring the party down in time to connect with train No. 3.

Holiday ends and public school work begins on Monday next.

#### Jolly Crowd Attends Big New Year's Ball

The New Year's ball given Monday evening by the public improvements branch of the Civic League, was one of the good ones. The sixty-six people who paid admission said it was a good one, and they ought to know better than anybody else.

The hall was beautifully decorated, and comfortably heated; the music was unusually good; and everybody was in the happiest of New Year spirits. Sandwiches and cake and coffee were served. Mrs. C. A. Garrett and Mrs. George Weigle comprised the committee in charge of the dance, and their work could not have been improved upon.

William W. Page, field worker for the Children's Home Society of New Mexico, has been in Alamogordo this week in the interest of the society. The Charity Ball Association last year made a gift of twenty-five dollars to this institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Beach are expected to return home this evening. They have been spending the holidays in Kansas City and St. Joseph.

#### Scenic Road to Cloudercroft

A scenic road between Alamogordo and Cloudercroft will soon be built, according to the present plans of the city of Alamogordo. Engineer La Salle, who has charge of the plans for the road, was in El Paso Friday, and his belief is that the work will begin immediately.

The scenic route from Alamogordo and Cloudercroft will be a short line over the mountains connecting the two cities and making it much shorter than can be made either by rail or the present wagon road. The road will be 18 miles long, while by rail the road is 26 miles and by the present wagon road about 23 miles. The scenic road also goes over easy grades and makes possible an auto road straight to the summer resort from El Paso. —Paso Herald.

The cold weather is here yet. One day the sun shines, but the wind makes the air feel very cold. The next day the wind hides out, but the clouds intervene. So there you are! What's the use?

#### Both Banks are Closed During The Noon Hour

Effective January second, both the banks of Alamogordo began closing during the noon hour, and will continue to close during that hour until further notice. The practice of keeping open during the noon hour was commenced some years ago, for the accommodation of the shop and other railroad employees. Very little business is transacted during the hour, and closing will not work a hardship on anyone.

#### Both Neglected

There is a saying that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. After glancing over his subscription books, a country editor is led to remark that there are a number of good married women in this country who are not getting the attention they deserve. —Culver (Ind.) Citizen.

That leap year dance will be the real dope, just as classy as you please. The old phrase of "Remember the Maine" is being revived to fit the occasion.